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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Official Action mailed July 24, 2007. Reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Status:

Previously, original claims 15, 26 and 45-55 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. By the forgoing amendment, claims 37-40 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-14, 16-25, 27-36, 41-44 and 56-61 are currently pending for further action.

Allowed Claims:

In the recent final Office Action, all pending claims except 37-40 were allowed. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-14, 16-25, 27-36, 41-44 and 56-61.

Prior Art:

In the recent final Office Action, claims 37-40 were rejected as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combined teachings of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0058216 to Lacroix et al. ("Lacroix") and U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 20050110778 to Ben Ayed. This rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation herein of claims 37-40.

As all the remaining claims have been allowed by the Examiner, the present application should now be allowed and passed to issuance.

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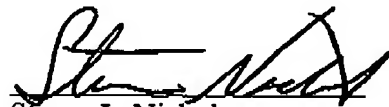
Conclusion:

Entry and consideration of this amendment are proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 for at least the following reasons. The present amendment makes only those changes necessary to place the application in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner. The amendment does not raise new issues requiring further search or consideration. And, based on the indications of the Examiner, the present amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of the present amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 116 and is hereby requested.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is thought to be clearly in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the application in light of these remarks is courteously solicited. If any fees are owed in connection with this paper that have not been elsewhere authorized, authorization is hereby given to charge those fees to Deposit Account 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman & Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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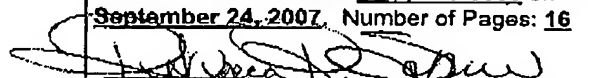
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